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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE: FONMIN' S REMARKS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. FONMIN AGUSTSSON SAID AT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 24 THAT ANTI- NATO SENTIMENT HAD INCREASED IN ICELAND BECAUSE OF BRITISH NAVAL INTERVENTION AND THAT REVIEW OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE SOONER THAN PLANNED. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON WAS INTERVIEWED BY ICELANDIC STATE RADIO UPON HIS RETURN FROM A TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE MAY 24 (TRIP WAS CUT SHORT BECAUSE OF FISHERIES DISPUTE CRISIS.) AGUSTSSON SAID BRITISH " ACT OF AGGRESSION" SHOULD BE PROTESTED
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IN UNSC AND IN NAC. NAC SHOULD BE ASKED TO COMPEL BRITISH TO
WITHDRAW NAVAL UNITS. HE INDICATED THAT NAC WAS EMPOWERED TO
TAKE SUCH ACTION.

3. AGUSTSSON SAID THAT ANTI- NATO SENTIMENT AMONG ICELANDIC
POLITICIANS HAS GREATLY INCREASED BECAUSE OF BRITISH MOVE.
IN VIEW OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HE SAID THAT REVIEW OF DEFENSE
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